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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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(UT08300)

October 14, 1998

Mr. Norman R. Haslem
2941 South 2000 East
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Project area under surface management case UTU 66354
(T.5S., R.24E., Sec. 6, western portion of Lots 13 and 14 SLB&M)

Mr. Haslem:

A recent inspection of your project area on the Pebble Puppy #2 placer claim (T.5S. R.24E. Sec. 6) reveals that there has been no operations for about nine (9) years. The regulations require that at the earliest feasible time, the operator shall reclaim the project area (see map attached to letter of May 20, 1997). We believe that a significant number of years have transpired since the project area was last active and now reclamation must begin. I am asking you, within thirty days of receipt of this letter to submit (in writing) to this office your time schedule for the reclamation of the project area. Otherwise, a notice of noncompliance will be issued ordering such.

This is also to advise you that the main [unimproved] access road to the area has been washed-out about one-half mile east of your project area (T.5S., R.24E., Sec. 6 SESWNWSE SLB&M). Personnel from this office are to investigate the situation of maintenance of this roadway. If you must access the area in the foreseeable future and plan to repair the roadway, please contact us in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Peter Sokolosky.

Sincerely,

Howard B. Cleavinger II
Assistant Field Manager
Mineral Resources

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3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

Date: Oct. 2, 1998 Time: 10:15 - 10:25am Location: T.6S. R.24E. Sec 6 W2 of Lot 13

Operators present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66354 Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The area has been inactive since Dec. 1989 (start of record of inspections in which no operations were noted as being conducted within the project area) and there has been no change since the Dec. 13, 1996 inspection. The main (unimproved road) access has been washed out about .5 mi east of the project area - T.5S., R.24E., Sec. 6 SENSWNWSE (see I&E report with UTU66357 surface management file). Vernal Field Office Support Services Lead (Gary Hunter) is to have an equipment operator check out the road situation - road may be BLM maintained.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): No. The operator who assumed responsibility for the project area 11/29/95 has not filled in test pits. Additionally, near the northeast part of the project area, there is a grizzly screen and test pit which have been present since the Dec. 13, 1998 inspection. Since there is no processing equipment within the project area, the material may have been taken to the project area under surface management notice (UTU 66357) on the Pebble Puppy #1 claim for processing. Otherwise, the area remains in basically the same condition as in late 1989 (and the Oct. 20, 1997 inspection) except possibly for the growth of some native vegetation and erosion of the any cuts which were steeper than a 2:1 slope. Since the area has now been inactive for about 9 years, the operator of record should be advised that the area is in need of reclamation under the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.1-3(d)(2) unless a reasonable foreseeable development scenario is presented.

signature	print name/title	date
Inspector _____ 1998	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	Oct. 13,
Management _____ _____	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMMR	

Attachments: photograph with index map and description (in plastic sleeve)

Distribution: original to surface management case file UTU66358
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